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Ashburn, VA 20147

The Good Shepherd Alliance

Providing help and hope for the homeless in Loudoun County since 1983.

Car Donations Get Families Back on the Road

Transportation can be one of the most difficult obstacles to finding and keeping gainful employment. Living and working in the Loudoun area often means commuting. With jobs harder to find, job seekers must look across a broader region for employment opportunities. This puts walking to work out of the question. With bus schedules often a hindrance to working various shifts and taking children to school or daycare, finding and maintaining an economical vehicle becomes crucial.

Fortunately for participants in The Good Shepherd Alliance's Six Steps to Self-Sufficiency Program, we are able to help with car repairs and provide donated vehicles to help our residents get back on the road. This is made possible by the generous contributions our supporters.



Our transportation fund is used for things such as auto registration, license renewal, new tires and car repairs. Vehicles donated by community members are given to families in need.

If you have a used automobile in good running order (that will pass state and emissions inspection) and you are looking for somewhere to donate it, please consider GSA. We will be sure that it is put to good use and you will receive a receipt for your taxes.

In addition to needing faithful transportation, job-seekers need to be able to put gas in their tank to look for work. GSA relies on donated gas cards to help our residents in this time before finding employment. To make a donation of any kind, please visit us at our offices in Ashburn or call us at 703-724-1555.



THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN TO OUR
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM THIS YEAR!

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Year-End Giving Campaign

This year we were able to begin a new Family Housing Program thanks to our financial donors.

Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 per month in new sponsorships for regular support of our housing and counseling programs.

Start a new sponsorship or introduce a friend. We need your help today!

Donate Online or call today!



Mary's House of Hope
Transitional Home



Hebron Women and Children's
Shelter

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Business Partner Spotlight: Community Servants

It's true – if a business is successful, look to the employees. It is easy to be loyal when you receive such good customer service that you know you matter to that company; you know you can have confidence in their service. Well at the Good Shepherd Alliance we have found several such businesses.

The Tire Shop of Leesburg has been providing automotive service to The Good Shepherd Alliance for many years. Not only do they provide fair-priced service for our vehicles, but have a heart to help others. They have donated many vehicles to The Good Shepherd Alliance to give away to struggling families and done all the work needed to assure they were in good running order before giving them to us. Many families have received much-needed transportation due to their graciousness and support. When we need automotive service, we always know where we can call and get a pleasant, patient customer service representative to take care of us. We certainly recommend them to anyone needing automotive service and want to publicly thank them for all that they have done to help struggling families get back on the road.

A Good Word

“At the present time, your abundance will meet their need, so that one day their abundance may also meet your need, and thus there may be equality.”

2 Corinthians 8:14

Sterling Appliances of Sterling has been a great help to GSA for many years by finding us the right appliances for our needs. As you may imagine, with 6 homes and over 40 residents on any given day, we go through quite a few appliances. We currently have 6 washers, 6 dryers, 10 refrigerators, one freezer, and 6 stoves. Thanks to the community, we get appliances donated to us, but when we have to buy one, Sterling Appliances has found us dented or discontinued items at a fraction of the cost, or simply the best price they can on what we need. Chris takes the time to search for the best thing for us, such as a large-tub, heavy duty washer for our Women and Children's Emergency Shelter, that will be cost-effective and efficient. We have appreciated our partnership with them and would recommend them to anyone needing any appliances. Thank you Sterling Appliances for helping us provide a safe and healthy environment for our residents.

BB&T Bank is known for banking and mortgages, but I bet you didn't know they are into home renovation too! This year GSA was able to start a Family Transitional Housing Program. Through this program families will have individual residences for one year while they transition back to full-rent after a job loss or foreclosure. But we needed help with a new home. Approximately 32 branches of BB&T came together to bring volunteers and over \$5,000 to renovate a newly purchased GSA home for struggling families. This group started early and before most people are working at their desks, they had already gutted a bathroom and cleared a previously overgrown backyard. This group of BB&T employees from vice presidents to tellers attacked the job list like ants to a picnic. They were incredibly organized and hard-working; completing a long list of renovations in 10 hours. I was amazed at their dedication and coordination of efforts. They purchased all the supplies, lawn mower, ladder, blinds, light fixtures, smoke detectors, flooring, paint, stain, wood and much more and went to work. At the end of the day the home looked incredible. On behalf of the large family that soon moved in and all the families to live there in the years to come, we at GSA thank you for your selfless service!

Students “Dress Down” to Lift Others Up

Dominion Academy Christian School of Leesburg raised funds to support families in need through designated “dress down days” throughout the year. Students who donated \$1 could take advantage of this casual day and all the funds raised were then donated to The Good Shepherd Alliance and another local Charity, Interfaith Relief. Thanks to the many students who participated and to Dominion Academy for inspiring a spirit of giving and instilling in youth the importance of helping others.



Suzanne Foster of Dominion Academy, Terri Lightle of Good Shepherd Alliance and Bonnie Inman of Interfaith Relief

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Finding Hidden Treasures

- Terri Lightle, Director of Community Relations

Thrift stores are a great way to shop, to save money and to be careful with our planet's resources. It is also an inexpensive way for people to shop and repurpose everything, from the kitchen sink to the tool box.

Our stores are a blessing to The Good Shepherd Alliance (GSA) in three ways: 1) All of our guests and those referred to us can receive vouchers to shop for free for necessities; 2) If items are sold the proceeds support our shelters and programs; 3) If items are not sold they are repurposed through a salvage company.

We have heard of some with the mistaken idea that they should avoid shopping in the thrift stores, leaving the bargains for those who need them. You would not be cheating the needy out of good buys at the stores; there are plenty of donated items for everyone. Shopping at the thrift stores gets you deals and helps the homeless at the same time. The proceeds from your purchases provide a safe place for families, women and children to stay and services to get them out of a homeless situation. The shelters and transitional homes run 24/7, 365 days a year. This is a large expense and GSA could in no way do this without the community's support.

Our thrift stores are there to provide a valuable opportunity for all, including those with limited means or in emergency situations. Many times the local Red Cross will call on behalf of someone that has lost everything in a home catastrophe, such as a fire or flood. They will receive necessary clothing or household items for FREE with a GSA voucher. The public schools and other agencies also refer families in need to receive vouchers to shop for FREE.

We have found that our guests prefer to shop for themselves, rather than being given items donated only for them. This is why we request that our donors give used items to the thrift stores, rather than asking us to give their items directly to our guests.

We invite you to come in to shop the next time that you drop off your donations to our thrift stores. Find the deals you need in this tough economic time, for the sake of those in need in your community. You may be surprised at the treasures you will find!

Hope's Treasures Sterling
20921 Davenport Drive
Sterling, VA 20165
703-444-5956
Open 10am-7pm Mon-Sat
DONATION CENTER

Hope's Treasures Leesburg
703 E Market Street
Leesburg, VA 20147
703-777-5536
Open 10am-7pm Mon-Sat
DONATION CENTER

Hope's Treasures Ashburn
20684 Ashburn Road
Ashburn, VA 20147
703-724-1555 ext.*827
Open 10am-6pm Mon-Sat
DONATION CENTER

Hope's Treasures KIDS
20630 Ashburn Road
Ashburn, VA 20147
703-723-4939
Open 10am-6pm Mon-Sat

This is a repeat article due to our customer's request. Thank you for supporting our mission through your visits to our stores and donation centers!

To receive an information packet or to be added to our email list contact GSA at 703-724-1555

New & Used Items Needed!

Perhaps you are clearing out your closets or making a change in your home. We would love to receive your gently used items at any of our three donation centers in Leesburg, Ashburn or Sterling. You will receive a tax receipt and your items will help us help families who are struggling in our community.

If you are looking for a community service project, how about doing a supply drive for our shelters? We are always in need of cleaning supplies, paper products and other items. If you can help, please call Terri at 703-724-1555 ext. *810!

Please help!

Our Current Needs:

- Gas and Visa gift cards for our guest's specific needs
- Monthly shelter sponsorship (donate online!)
- Car donations for needy families

Volunteer Needs:

- Credit and financial counselors
- Windows network professional
- Thrift store workers

Job Opportunities

- Applications for thrift store jobs taken at Ashburn office at 20684 Ashburn Road

Call GSA at 703-724-1555 for more information

**BRING THIS COUPON FOR
10% OFF YOUR PURCHASE
AT ANY STORE LOCATION
THROUGH 2011**

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GSA Walk for Shelter Enjoys Rainy Weather

- Mark Gunderman, GSA Chairman of the Board

Praise God for a purifying rainy day for the Good Shepherd Alliance (GSA) 7th Annual Homeless Walk for Shelter. The Walk for Shelter through historic Leesburg, Virginia took place on Saturday, September 19th and was hosted by GSA to raise funds to assist struggling families with shelter and other basic necessities. The 1.2 mile walk started at 10 AM at the Douglass School Pavilion on the corner of Sycolin Road and East Market Street.

The temperature was a chilly fifty-four degrees with ominous looking clouds during pre-registration and check-in. A light rain fell during the early hours but lessened later in the day as the morning warmed up. Two-hundred and nine vigilant and faithful men, women, students and babies attended the event and many of them snaked and strolled their way down the long avenues and then into the beautiful historic district on King Street. A great enthusiasm was felt by everyone as the inclement weather brought people closer together under umbrellas and in the tightly packed Douglass School pavilion.

GSA Board Member James Trash provided the crowd with a pre-walk opening statement. James thanked the crowd for coming out and participating in the Walk. He acknowledged the importance of having everyone's physical presence at the event. James explained how GSA has a passion for providing help and hope for the homeless and those in a time of greatest need. He believed that those walking with GSA shared that same passion.

James cited Ezekiel 22 and told the story about the Lord speaking through Ezekiel to the leaders, prophets, priests and people of the land. And at the end of verse 29-30, the Lord says He sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the breach before Him on behalf of the land that He should not destroy it-but He did not find one! This scripture made James think about our situation here on Saturday, as GSA is seeking people around Loudoun County willing to help. As he gazed out at the crowd, James stated that it appeared there was more than one willing to build that wall together. He concluded by discussing the importance of community relationships and believed that those who participated are now part of the GSA family and asked everyone to stay connected to GSA.

The event was highlighted by the networking of resources from two churches, Common Ground Church with Pastor Sal D'Agostino (Leesburg) and Christ Community Church with Pastor Jeff Good (Ashburn). This year, families from these two churches teamed together to provide a hearty lunch in support of the Walk for Shelter. The churches coordinated to serve beef brisket, pork barbeque, baked beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, and all

the trimmings. Hundreds of home-baked cookies and desserts, along with a variety of chips, rounded off the meal. The teams served cold lemonade and iced tea, water, and fruit juice to compliment the lunch to over two hundred GSA Walkers.

Common Ground Church transported and installed the moon bounces, sound system, face painting tent, managed traffic control, facilitated t-shirt ordering, made balloon arches and provided music and program oversight. Both congregations were an indescribable asset and will ensure the success of this ever growing fundraiser event.

Many grandparents, parents and children walked with GSA board members and staff. Parents said that the walk provided an educational experience that raised awareness about homelessness. The youth especially gained appreciation for the many blessings provided by their own families.

GSA is proud of its cooperative relationship with the Leesburg Town Government. GSA is grateful to the Leesburg Town Council, Leesburg Police and Parks and Recreation for their cooperation and coordination of this event.

GSA needs the continuous support from our dynamic business community to supply much needed materials, services and funding to maintain and upgrade our facilities. GSA strongly believes that assisting those less fortunate with their most basic needs fosters hope and goodwill among our diverse and fast growing community.

We encourage and welcome the Loudoun Community to please come out and walk with us next September. Together we can build that wall!

A Good Word
"We love Him because
He first loved us."
1 John 4:19



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